

Yankee Tennis Experts All Win in Opening Rounds for the British Lawn Tennis Championship at Wimbledon

AMERICAN TENNIS STARS VICTORIOUS

Start Impressively in Opening Round of British Championship

WIMBLEDON, England, June 21.—All four Americans who played in the opening matches for the British lawn tennis championship defeated their opponents today. The match between O. S. Garland of Pittsburgh and O. G. N. Turnbull proved the most attractive.

With good weather for the opening of the championships a crowd of about 6,000 turned out to see the match. The American colony was well represented and the American players had a most appreciative gallery.

A battle royal is anticipated to-morrow when William M. Johnston meets U. C. Parker, who is regarded among the strongest English players entered in the present tournament.

William M. Johnston of San Francisco, the United States singles champion, the first of the Americans to compete, scored an easy victory over Flavelle. Johnston won in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. Flavelle, a well known English veteran, was no match for his powerful stroking opponent and the result was forecast easily before the match began.

Norris Williams of Boston, United States champion in 1914 and 1916, also won his initial match, defeating N. Field, an English professional player of some reputation, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

The tournament, which has attracted 128 entrants, including the leading players of America, Australia, South Africa, England and continental Europe, was started after five hours of steady rain. The turf withstood the soaking excellently, however, and the grand stand courts, where the feature matches will be played each day, were in good condition due to the huge tarpaulin condition stretched for their protection.

Great Interest in Tourney.

The tournament, with its extraordinary international entry list, has aroused the greatest interest ever evinced in a British tennis championship. English newspapers and the regular daily and weekly sports publications are devoting columns to the matches, and the outcome of the men's and women's singles and men's, women's and mixed doubles matches, in all of which the Americans are entered.

The draw shows Johnston bracketed in the same section as C. F. Parker and Arthur Lowe, the English international, who are considerably older than Johnston. The American is expected to dispose of the veteran in a straight set, while the play between them is turned against him. R. Norris Williams is drawn in close proximity to William H. Laurence, representing France. Laurence is one of the strongest players of Europe, having recently defeated J. de Gubert, the French champion, and having victories to his credit over the late Anthony F. Wilding and prominent players of England and continental Europe. Laurence, in handicaps, however, by the fact that he lost an eye as the result of an accident in a match with A. H. Gohert nearly seven years ago.

C. S. Garland of Pittsburgh is placed in the lower half of the draw, which is considered the weaker section, although it contains among other players Charles Winslow, the South African international, and Max Decugis, the French star of the French tour of tennis experts.

In defeating Flavelle Johnston had plenty in reserve and was never extended at any stage of the match. Neither he nor Williams had difficulty in winning. The brilliant driving and stylish volleying of Williams were particularly admired.

France American Sportsman.

The experts here are pointing out that the American first string players never seem to score as heavily as they might against second class players, which is commented upon as a fine example of sportsmanship, a pleasing consideration for an opponent's feelings.

The English player O. G. N. Turnbull opened finely against Garland, who, as last week at the Queen's Club, captured the first three games. Turnbull, however, was not so lucky and Garland scored the next two. Turnbull then brought the set to 5-2 in his favor, upon which the American, by brilliant playing, took the set, 7-5, and games and eventually the set, 7-5.

In the second set Garland opened strong, leading three to one, Turnbull, however, evening up the match, by winning the set, 7-5, and games and eventually the set, 7-5.

The second set proved Turnbull's best. He lost the next two sets and the match. Garland winning 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.

William T. Tilden of Philadelphia, the American star who played so brilliantly through to the finals of the Queen's Club tournament last week, where he was beaten by Johnston, won his first match in the present tournament this afternoon by defeating P. Fussell, a medium class English player, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

FIFTY WOMEN IN TOURNEY.

Ranking Players in Ardley Club Invitation Tennis To-day.

Muddy courts caused a postponement of the start of the Ardley Club invitation tennis tournament for women yesterday, but to make up for lost time the entrants will take the courts at 10 o'clock this morning, weather permitting. Among the fifty women that have been drawn for play in singles are most of the leading players in the metropolitan district.

In the list are included Miss Marie Wagner, Mrs. Edward W. Raymond and Miss Helene Poliak of the first ten in national rank; Miss Margaret Grove, Lawson Wood, Mrs. Edward V. Lynch, Eastern New York State champion; Miss Clara Cassel, Mrs. Benjamin F. Briggs and Mrs. L. G. Morris.

POLO VICTORY FOR BLUES.

The opening match of the Westchester Polo Club was played yesterday afternoon at Gies Farm, White Plains, between the Blues and the Whites. The Blues triumphed over the Whites by a score of 5 goals to 1.

Dray Moon Eases Victor in Stake Race at Jamaica

R. T. Wilson's Colt Takes Lead at Start and Is Never Headed in the Greenfield—Serapis Displays Great Burst of Speed on Muddy Track.

By HENRY V. KING.

Mud larks had an inning at the Jamaica track yesterday afternoon. The showers of Sunday and yesterday morning soaked the track, but by the time the crowd reached the course it was drying out and not much worse than dull. But before the bugle called the contestants to the post for the initial event there were more showers and the track became muddy again and remained so throughout the sport.

The feature of the day was the Greenfield Selling Stakes for juveniles, 2 was at five and a half furlongs, and was won by R. T. Wilson's Dray Moon. Walter J. Selmon, Supermarket, was second and the Normale Stable's Eye Opener third. Dry Moon proved much the best, and was at home in the going. He won by only a length and a half, but could have done much better if he had not been so slow at the start.

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In the middle of the bend Buxton took Alcatraz up with a rush on the inside and tried to squeeze through an opening that wasn't large enough for a colt dog. Of course he was shut out and knocked back. This cost him several lengths. Entering the homestretch Buxton made another wild dash to get through on the inside. This time he brought Alcatraz to Dry Moon's side, but Buxton refused to pull out for him, and for a second time Alcatraz was knocked back. Meanwhile, Dray Moon went on to win handsomely. Supermarket came on again in the stretch and took the second end of the purse by half a length.

After the race Buxton was called into the stand. There he protested that he had been fouled by Ennor. The stewards took another view and censured him for rough riding.

J. W. McClelland's Serapis is a valuable mud lark. He displayed a tremendous burst of speed over the sloppy track and won the first event by nearly a sixteenth of a mile. Bodansky was second and Knobbs third.

The second race, a selling affair at one mile and a sixteenth, went to Claqueur, the front end, who won after the start and held command to the end, winning by half a length. In the final strides he was a tired horse, but he was not beaten. He was followed by Smoke, which finished second, and Chassey, which took third. Bodansky was second and Knobbs third.

Lawrence Waterbury's Philbertygeter scored in the third. He was outrun in the early stages but ran over his opponents in the stretch and got up to win in a driving finish by half a length from Hendrix. Mrs. A. E. Kipphide's Midian was third.

Penelope won the fifth by a length and a half.

SUN AND RACING CHART.

JAMAICA, June 21.—Weather rainy; track sloppy.

453 FIRST RACE—Five and one-half furlongs. Time, 1:07. \$1,816.00 added. Value to winner, \$1,716.00. For two-year-olds, non-winners of \$1,500. Start good. Winner, Dray Moon, owned by R. T. Wilson, trained by J. W. McClelland, Trainer, C. Patterson.

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